

The Connecticut
Department
of Correction



Remember Our Troops

P.R.I.D.E.

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AT WORK



Heroes on the Hill

In celebration of Memorial Day staff, family, and friends gathered at Enfield Correctional Institution for a ceremony in honor of the five men from their facility who have served in the military since 9/11 and have fortunately returned safely home.

As Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy stood to offer remarks, he folded his prepared words, tucked them away and thanked each of the men with the heartfelt words of a proud American and grateful citizen. "This ceremony today makes me reflect on how many have missed out on birthdays and time with their children and families because they were serving our country," he said. "We are glad to have each of these men safely back with us."



(L-R) C/O Dennis Dockery, C/O Angel Lopez, Warden Christine Whidden, SST Doug Scheirey, Lt. Dan Leone Jr., and C/O Gregory Jones

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From the Commissioner

As the war in Iraq and the global war against terrorism continue, I feel it necessary to ask that we take a moment to look past the headlines and keep a couple of critical points which touch our agency foremost in our thoughts. First and most important are the members of our staff who continue to courageously serve our country through military activation. Remember that whatever the issue of the day that comes out of Iraq, these dedicated men and women continue to risk their lives to make our world a safer place. Please keep them in your prayers and do whatever you can to support both them and their families.



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Our Mission

The Department of Correction shall protect the public, protect staff, and provide safe, secure and humane supervision of offenders with opportunities that support successful community re-integration

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About and for
correctional
professionals

May 23 -
June 5, 2004

Heroes, Cont'd

The group, introduced as the Enfield Five, consisted of **Lieutenant Daniel Leone**, an 11-year veteran of the agency, a member of the Air Force Reserve and recently promoted to Master Sergeant. His division was one of the first activated and the last to stand down from the Westover Air Force Base. During his deployment, he served overseas and here in the United States. **State School Teacher Doug Schierey** has eight years in the Department of Correction and is a member of the Air National Guard. He was deployed as a Tech Sergeant on the following three occasions: 1998-Kuwait, 2001- Saudi Arabia and 2004 – Base X. He was recently commissioned as a Second Lieutenant after completing six weeks at the Academy of Military Science in Knoxville, Tennessee, which he completed as a distinguished graduate, an honor reserved for those who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class. **Correction Officer Dennis Dockery**, who has 10 years with the agency, is a Major in the United States Army Reserve. His unit was involved in the liberation of Baghdad and the defeat of Saddam Hussein. **Correction Officer Gregory Jones** is an 11-year veteran of the Department. He was deployed in January of 2003 overseas as part of the Connecticut Air National Guard. **Correction Officer Angel Lopez** who was deployed on February 13, 2003 to support "Operation Enduring Freedom." He was released from active duty on April 9, 2004 from the United States Army.

Warden Christine Whidden presented each of the men a plaque welcoming them home and thanking them for serving our country to ensure our freedom. She remarked, "Each of these men wears their badge with distinction and honor. They are employees of high caliber and their service to our country directly benefited the United States of America and all of her interests."

Counselor Supervisor Jamie Maldonado was the master of ceremonies for the event. The invocation was lead by Ben Winarski and Stanley Goldman, a retired Enfield CI employee gave a moving rendition of the National Anthem.

One by one, the honorees gave their own closing remarks. Each expressed their gratitude and shared a personal story from their year of sacrifice and uncertainty. Each was moved to tears at the level of recognition that they had received from the Enfield CI family. As Officer Lopez stood to give his remarks, his daughter clung to his leg as he humbly thanked all the staff at Enfield CI for all their support, especially Captain Degray, who had provided some extra days off when he returned from his deployment.

Officers, a supervisor, and a school teacher...African- American, Hispanic, and White...each as different as America herself, but all shared a common thread. They are all Americans and proud of it.



C/O Angel Lopez with his daughter by his side, thanks staff at Enfield CI

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National Correction Officer Week Photos

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This week we continue our compilation of photos honoring staff members at Hartford CC.

Hartford CC

Warden Charles Lee took the opportunity to show his gratitude to the staff at Hartford CC. He stated, "No matter what profession you have chosen to work in as part of the correctional staff here, it is often very demanding and stressful. It requires very special people who are unique, dedicated and committed professionals. I am proud of the staff who work here and would extend my sincerest thanks and appreciation to all of you."



Lt. Alfonso Reyes, Lt. Anna Dorozko, Food Service Supervisor Brent Coleman and Captain Roger Bowles take a moment to pose during the cookout held during correction officers week.

Congrats

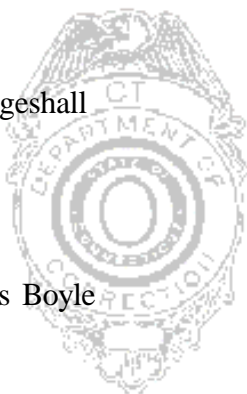


Warden Christine Whidden of Enfield CI and staff offer congratulations to Counselor Roy Weldon and his wife on the birth of their son, Benjamin Peter. Benjamin was born on May 21, 2004 and weighed in at 8 lbs. 10.2 ozs. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Major Moves

Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz has announced the following transfers of agency majors whose expertise will further support the mission of their new facilities and the Department.

Major Paul Bradnan
Major Raymond Coggeshall
Major John Lahda
Major Scott Semple
Major Raquel Torres
Major Melvin Wells
Deputy Warden Curtis Boyle



Osborn CI
Gates CI
MacDougall-Walker CI
Bridgeport CC
New Haven CC
Manson YI
MacDougall-Walker CI

CCS Anne Cournoyer will serve as acting Legislative Liaison.

Manson Scholarship Applications

Applications are being accepted for the John R. Manson Scholarship until July 30, 2004. Applicants must be enrolled at the University of Connecticut and must be a dependant of an employee of the Department of Correction.

Please contact Pam Connelly at 860.692.6842 with any questions.

Supervised Population

June 2, 2004

22834

On June 2, 2003 the population was 23,060

Did you know?



Did you know is an informational column written by the Facilities Management and Engineering Unit, aimed at increasing your knowledge of issues in our everyday lives. This week's issue was submitted by Joseph Suchecki who can be reached at 860-692-7592. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact David Batten, Acting Director at 860-692-7554.

As energy and fuel costs are on the increase, conservation is on everyone's mind. One fast and easy way to help reduce your monthly electric bill is to replace existing incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs. What's the difference? The main difference between the two is their method of producing light. An incandescent bulb produces light by using electricity to heat up a wire filament, causing the filament to glow and give off light. Nearly 90 percent of the energy produced by incandescent bulbs is in the form of heat, not light. This makes for an inefficient light source. On the other hand, fluorescent bulbs utilize an inert gas to provide light. When electricity is applied to a fluorescent bulb, the inert gas becomes activated causing the gas to glow, thus producing light. These bulbs operate on one-third of the energy used by incandescent and last ten times longer. By making this simple change to your lighting fixtures, you will save money, reduce air pollution and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

Take a look around your house, apartment or at work. You're sure to notice both types of lighting.

Diversity Luncheon at Brooklyn CI

On April 26, 2004, staff members at Brooklyn Correctional Institution celebrated their diversity with a "Taste of Diversity" luncheon. Participating staff shared a culinary delight highlighting their ethnic background. As Counselor Tomest Maskell expressed, "I never knew diversity could taste so good." Counselor Supervisor David Guarino and his staff organized the event, which was enjoyed by all who attended



(L-R) Counselor Susan Sorensen, C/S David Guarino and Counselor Tomest Maskell

A Look Back

Retired Warden Daniel Leone Sr. traveled from his winter home in Florida to visit his son, Lieutenant Dan Leone Jr. of Enfield CI, who recently returned from active duty in the Air Force Reserves. During his travels, Mr. Leone Sr. paid a visit to Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy to present him with memorabilia to be displayed in the lobby at Central Office.

Prior to retiring, Mr. Leone worked his way through the ranks starting as a guard at the State Prison in Wethersfield, before retiring as the Warden of the Symms Street Jail in Hartford.

Mr. Leone retired from the Department in 1971 after 24 years of dedicated service.



(L-R) Lt. Dan Leone Jr. of Enfield CI and Retired Warden Dan Leone, Sr. visit with Deputy Commissioner Brian Murphy.

Commissioner, Cont'd

I would also request that we do all we can to welcome home those staff who thankfully have returned safe and sound from military duty. The transition from military service, especially in a war zone, back to civilian life is not easy.

As part of our agency wide effort to recognize and express our gratitude to staff who have recently been called up to serve our country, I have directed that our Annual Awards Ceremony this year also salute our colleagues who have returned from military activation. I feel it only fitting this year to award my personal recognition for outstanding service, the Commissioner's Award, to all staff who have so bravely served our country. The human resources staff in each facility is reaching out to those who should be honored. If you have returned from duty and have not been contacted, please make your service known to your assigned personnel officer.

The other issue involving the war that of late has touched our occupation as correctional professionals, is the abuse that has occurred in one of the prisons in Iraq. The banner headlines prominently featuring the word "prison" have been emblazoned across the news media in recent weeks as more highly disturbing photographs are made public. Unfortunately, some have been quick to suggest that the actions of a few at an Iraqi prison are also indicative of what goes on in U.S. prisons in general. The truth, which we all are aware of, is that the prison described in the media accounts, situated in a war zone and overseen by soldiers who have little if any correctional training, has no resemblance to our modern, orderly, safe, secure and humane correctional facilities which are staffed by the best correctional personnel in the country. Our facilities are open for inspection and are heavily scrutinized by the government, the courts and advocacy organizations. Any violations of regulations that might occur are thoroughly investigated and appropriate corrective action taken. We are rightly proud of our agency and all that we do on a daily basis. Let's make sure that we remind those who have come back to us just how proud and grateful we are of the sacrifices they have made on behalf of us and our country.

Northern EOQ

Warden Wayne Choinski and the staff at Northern C.I. are pleased to announce that C/O Steven Reynolds and Clerk Typist Diane Kaplan received the Employee of the Quarter award on May 17, 2004.



Warden Choinski presents C/O Reynolds with an EOQ award

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Correction

In the May 9- 22 edition of PRIDE at Work, Captain Richard Muccino was incorrectly identified at a Correction Officer. Mr. Muccino is a Correctional Captain at Bridgeport CC.

Calendar

June 4



Retirement party in honor of Major Mary Rose Collins will be held at the Rocky Neck State Park Pavilion in Niantic from 6p.m. – 11 p.m. Come dressed in tropical attire and enjoy an evening of casual elegance. Tickets are \$35. Please call (860) 691-6749 for additional information.

June 9-11



Special Olympics Torch Run. For additional information please contact Captain Joe Carlone (203) 250-2608.

June 14



Hartford CC- QWL Committee is hosting the 2nd annual Golf Tournament at the Blue Fox Run in Avon. The registration fee is \$100 and includes a continental breakfast and dinner buffet. Please call C/O Mike Mahoney at (860) 240-1898 or 1899 for additional information.

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Why I Chose MVP's: to Join the Best

PRIDE at Work is profiling some of the newest members of our agency who are a part of Pre-Service Class 224. During their first week at the MCTSD, they were asked to write an essay explaining why they chose to become a member of the Department of Correction. Their reasons make clear that our PRIDE, as the best correctional agency in the country, is an ideal that others are drawn to and seek to call their own.



This week we feature State School Teacher Daniel Cambra of Manson Youth Institution. My brother-in-law, Lieutenant Mario Bufalini informed me that the Department was actively searching for qualified teachers. I saw this as a great opportunity to take charge of my life. I taught English at Saint Joseph High School for four and a half years and while I enjoyed working with my students, I found the position itself un-fulfilling. I believe that my focus on the whole student has proven successful in motivating students to look beyond their current limitations.

MVP's:

Alves, John	Capt	CCI
Austin, John	C/O	WCB
Beaumier, Victoria	TSA	CRCI
Beebe, Jason	C/O	McWCI
Berthiaume, Joseph	C/O	HCC
Bonfiglio, Albert	CTO	CRCI
Bouchard, Blaise	Lt	WCB
Bouchard Paul	C/O	ECI
Bowles, William	CFSS II	WCB
Brace, Kurt	CFSS II	WCB
Buller, Thomas	C/O	HCC
Burton, Donald	CFSS II	BCI
Camp, George	CC	McWCI
Charette, Joseph	Lt	McWCI
Claudio, Ana	C/O	McWCI
Cohen, Carl	C/O	ECI
Coutant, Christopher	Capt	HCC
Cox, Carl	CFSS II	WCB
Crescimanno, Michael	CFSS II	BCI
Deleon, Lleidly	C/O	ECI
Dorozko, Anna	Lt	HCC
Elsayed, Michael	CFSS II	ECI
Garcia, Jose	C/O	McWCI
Gary, Mark	Locksmith	ECI
Gaura, Kurtis	C/O	ECI
Gilland, Steven	C/O	HCC
Glenney, Irvin	CFSS II	WCB
Gregory, Kristine	Prof Spec	CRCI
Griggs, Bryan	CC	WCB
Jasenec, Robert	C/O	McWCI
Kittridge, Clarence	CFSS II	WCB
Lashway, Jerry	C/O	McWCI
Leduc, Peter	C/O	ECI
Leone, Daniel	Lt	ECI
Loubier, Wendy	CFSS II	ECI
Lowe, Frank	C/O	ECI
Maldonado, Jaime	C/S	ECI
Malfas, Stephen	C/O	ECI
Martin, Timothy	CFSS	WCB
Michele, Dana	C/O	McWCI
Molden, Derrick	C/O	McWCI
Montagna, Brian	C/O	ECI
Norton, Eric	Mailhandler	McWCI
Ouellette, Paul	C/S	CRCI
Pidgeon, Michelle	CS	WCB
Reid, Kevin	C/O	McWCI
Rodriguez, Hector	C/O	McWCI

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Ruggiero, Thomas	C/O	HCC
Sanchez, Lissette	C/O	McWCI
Simmons, Clarence	CFSS II	ECI
Soares, Steven	C/O	HCC
Sokolowski, Kim	Mail Clk	McWCI
Squires, Jason	C/O	McWCI
Stoddard, Raymond	CFSS II	WCB
Taylor, Russell	C/O	McWCI
Titus, Thomas	C/O	ECI
Topoloski, Thomas	CFSS II	WCB
Viger, Bryan	C/O	HCC
Wellenberger, Robert	C/O	McWCI
Wemmell, Michael	C/O	ECI
Williams, Alfred	C/O	McWCI
Winslow, Jody	C/O	CCI
Witkin, Jeffrey	C/O	HCC

Around the cell block



Georgia- The jobs of 127 prison counselors, a quarter of the state total, are being eliminated to save the state \$6.2-million a year.



Arizona- Women drug addicts are the fastest growing segment of the state's prison population with the number of women offenders overall growing by 75 percent since 1997.



Florida- Romance novels are the books most commonly checked out of the Tomoka Correctional Institution, home to 1,100 male offenders.



Washington- A survey by the Sentencing Project, finds one in every 11 inmates is serving a life sentence, an increase of 83 percent over the past decade.

Calendar, Cont'd

June 20 - Father's Day

June 23 - Jane Tilden Memorial Gathering. For more info contact Stacy Smith at (860) 692-7675

June 24 - Retirement Gathering in honor of Cheshire CI Staff will be at Villa Rosa in Waterbury. The cost is \$35 per person. For ticket info please contact (203) 250-2665.

June 25 - An International Dinner will be held at Hartford CC on June 25th to raise funds to send the Connecticut SELECTS, a team of inner-city girls under age 17 made up of individuals throughout the state, to the National Championships in Florida in July.

Staff and interested parties may assist by attending the luncheon or making a donation to sponsor the trip by calling Officer Figueroa at 860.240.1882 or Officer Baker at 1722.

July 4 - Holdiay



July 9 - Retirement Party for Robert Meldrum at the Lily Lake Inn in Wolcott. The cost is \$30 per person. For ticket info contact (860) 679-4741.

August 1 - Hartford Correctional Center is sponsoring a bus trip New York Yankee vs. Baltimore Orioles. Ticket price is \$35 per person or \$60 per couple. For additional information please call C/O Figueroa (860) 240-1882.

August 8 - Annual Awards Ceremony

Parent's Pride

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Erica Gardner, daughter of Secretary I Theresa Heron of the Human Resources Recruitment Unit - Central Office recently received a letter from the principal of her high school, notifying her that she will be the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award. The requirements for the award of the medal are based upon the five qualities of Honor, Service, Courage, Leadership and Patriotism. This award is one of the highest awards given to students. Congratulations Erica on a job well done.

Changing of the Guard

Captain Mark Donahue, formerly of the Cheshire CI, has assumed the position of On-Site Monitor at the Greensville Correctional Center in Virginia. Donahue, a 10-year veteran replaces Lieutenant Jack Cupka who returned to Connecticut in April after more than three years south of the Mason-Dixon line. Cupka has returned to Osborn CI in Somers where he began his correctional career almost 15 years ago.



Capt. Mark Donahue



Lt. Jack Cupka

Employees with 20 Years of Service for April 2004

Bates, Michael	Correctional Electrician	CO
Byam, Lorenzo	Correction Officer	CCI
Deveau, Robert	Correctional Director of Food Services	WCI
Donovan, Christopher	Correction Officer	CCI
Henry, Daniel	Major	BCI
Hughes, Timothy	Correctional Food Service Supv. III	MYI
Jackson, Walter	Correction Officer	WCB

Employees with 30 Years of Service for April 2004

Pistorio, Debra	Principal Personnel Officer	CO
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